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PROCEEDINGS.

NOVEMBER 3D, 1859.—In the absence of the President, Archibald Russell, Esq., 2d Vice-President took the chair.

The following gentlemen were elected resident-members of the Society: William Henry Arnoux, Rev. William Alvin Bartlett, Henry Beekman Graham, Robert M. C. Graham, George W. Hodges, John B. Ireland, James O. Noyes, M. D., and Frederick S. Stalknecht.

William B. Ogden, of Chicago, was elected a non-resident member.

The Foreign Corresponding Secretary reported the receipt of a large number of letters from foreign societies, relating to exchanges of publications and documents, and read a communication,(dated "The Hague, June 16th, 1859") from the Central Commission of Statistics of Holland, enclosing their act of organization, and soliciting the co-operation of the Society. The Foreign Corresponding Secretary was directed to prepare and forward a suitable reply.

The Librarian reported the accessions to the Library, since the last meeting, to be as follows: By donation, 290 volumes, 1,050 pamphlets, and 34 maps and prints; and by purchase, 201 volumes and one globe. Among the more important works added to the library were Ritter's *Asien* in 22 volumes, Drake's Voyages, Dampier's Voyages, a set of the Annual of the Imperial Geological Institute of Vienna, the Annals of Congress in 42 volumes, and a complete collection of the public documents of Minnesota since the formation of the territorial government.

The Rev. Dr. Thompson informed the Society that a letter had been received from Carl Ritter asking the aid of the Society in the foundation of a Humboldt-Stiftung at Berlin. Dr. Thompson remarked that scarcely had the communication been received, when the mails announced the death of the venerable author. He moved that the Committee on Topics and Proceedings be instructed to take measures to enable the Society to testify its appreciation of the immense services rendered through a long life time to geographical science by Carl Ritter.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Disturnell presented to the Society two maps, one of the Government Map of the first United States Arctic Expedition, upon which he had traced the route pursued by Captain M'Clintock in the *Fox;* the other an official map of Arizona, showing the extent of the Mesilla Valley, lately purchased from Mexico.

The Secretary of the Council then read a paper upon "*The Present Condition of Iceland,*" translated from the Icelandic, and giving a succinct account of the population, government, commercial resources and natural production of the island.

The reading of the paper was followed by a conversation upon the subject, in which the Chair, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Prime, and others took part. After which the thanks of the Society were voted to the author and translator of the paper. *Adjourned.*